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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **Chris HEEGARD and Matthew B. SHOEMAKE**

Title: **JOINT EQUALIZATION AND DECODING USING A SEARCH-BASED DECODING ALGORITHM**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) ☒ Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - 27 pages
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

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- a. ☒ Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
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- (7) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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- (16) [X] **This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/226,161 filed on August 18, 2000.**

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are seven (7) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-referenced patent application.

Please advise the undersigned attorney if correction is necessary.

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